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TODAY'S SMILE

Life's riskiest decision is telling the boss who's going to wear the pants as you carry her over the threshold.

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 15, 1955

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Help Fight TB  
Christmas Greetings 1955  
Christmas Seals



LIX STOVALL family received their gold pins, Mrs. Stovall is an active leader in the Gray Ladies organization, and has worked with the bloodmobile for many years. Sally is in training as a nurse, and Felix is fire chief of Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Lions Party For Blind Set Sunday

Approximately 55 visually handicapped residents of Haywood County will be honored Sunday at the annual Christmas party sponsored by the five Lions Clubs of the county, set to start at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethel School cafeteria.

The program will include devotional and group singing led by the Rev. J. W. Fowler, superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly; introduction of guests; reading, "The Birds' Christmas Carol" by Mrs. W. E. Carter of Lake Junaluska; awarding of special gifts, and musical numbers by Gordon Woody, the Webb Family Trio, and Sam Queen's String Band.

The program will end with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Dr. Boyd Owen of the Waynesville Lions Club will be master of ceremonies for the program and Herb Angel, also of Waynesville, is program chairman, assisted by Joe Scruggs, sight-conservation chairman for the local club.

The Canton Lions Club will be in charge of gifts, the Clyde Club in charge of refreshments, the Pigeon Valley Club in charge of facilities, and the Hazelwood Club in charge of publicity and invitations.

The visually handicapped will be taken to the party and brought home by the Lions members.



LINDA GIBSON, 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gibson of Waynesville, entered Bowman-Gray Hospital Tuesday for diagnostic studies and further treatment after a ride to Winston-Salem in the Welco station wagon. Linda is one of six Gibson children who were made homeless Friday, December 2, when a fire swept their home on Hill St. After living in an unoccupied store building for several days, the Gibsons moved into another house off East St. Since losing all their possessions in the fire, the family has received large donations of food, clothing and household furnishings from residents of the Waynesville area. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Vote On Burley Is Set December 29

### Growers To Vote On Continuing Of Acreage Quotas

Haywood County tobacco farmers, along with others in the eight-state burley belt, will be called on to vote on the continuance of acreage quotas for the next three years at a referendum to be held Thursday, December 29.

Issues involved in the coming referendum were explained at a meeting at the courthouse Monday afternoon, attended by some 125 tobacco producers.

Speakers were J. H. Enloe, Jr., field representative of the State ASC Committee; County Agent Virgil L. Holloway, Oral L. Yates of the Farm Bureau, and Roy Crouse, extension tobacco specialist from N. C. State College.

It was explained that if quotas are approved by at least two thirds of growers voting, marketing cess, tobacco, acreage allotments, cess tobacco, acreage allotments, and price supports averaging 90 per cent of parity will continue in effect for the 1956 crop.

If more than one third of the voters disapprove quotas, it was pointed out, there will be no marketing quotas, no penalties on "excess" tobacco, no acreage allotments, and no price supports for the 1956 burley crop. In that event, three-year marketing quotas would be proclaimed next year and another referendum held.

Farmers also were told that marketing quotas have been in effect for burley tobacco each year since enactment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 except for 1939 when they were disapproved by growers.

In 1938, the average yield of burley tobacco was 900 pounds per acre and the average market price \$16.90.

In 1954, the average was 2,115 pounds per acre and the average \$52.

Mr. Enloe explained that the Department of Agriculture has announced a 14.86 decrease in acreage allotments for 1956, to apply to growers with more than 5 of an acre in burley — or to those whose tobacco allotment exceeds 10 per cent of the total cropland on their farm.

He estimated that the cut will affect approximately 406 farms in Haywood County.

### Services Are Conducted For Mrs. Klutz

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon in the First Methodist Church for Mrs. Etta Francis Klutz of Waynesville, who died Tuesday afternoon in the hospital here following an extended illness.

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the church, officiated assisted by the Rev. T. E. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob Rigdon, Francis Massie, Henry Davis, Kenneth Hannah, Guy Messer, and Hugh Ratcliffe. Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church were flower bearers.

Mrs. Klutz was a native of Haywood County. (See Mrs. Klutz—Page 2)



DR. J. E. FENDER Re-elected President, United Fund

## United Fund Officers Are Re-elected

All officers of the United Fund of this area were re-elected last night, as the board of directors held their annual meeting.

A review of the first year's campaign was made, which showed that \$22,559 in cash, plus \$11,175 in pledges had been made to the First United Fund program in this end of the county. The Fund had 25 participating agencies which will share in the \$33,734 program.

"Every agency will get 100 per cent of the amount set for them in the budget, when all pledges are paid," Dr. J. E. Fender, president, told the directors. "The complete success of the campaign is not dependent upon the pledges being paid 100 per cent," he continued.

The board authorized J. B. Siler, treasurer, to make payments to all agencies as called for, on a pro rata basis, which figures about 65 per cent of the appropriation for each of the 25 groups who are to share in the fund.

Officers re-elected were:

Dr. J. E. Fender, president; L. N. Davis, first vice president; C. N. Allen, 2nd vice president; Miss Mary Medford, secretary; J. B. Siler, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Caldwell, office manager. (See United Fund—Page 2)

## Annual 4-H Achievement Program Set

Haywood County 4-H Clubs will hold their annual Achievement Day program at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hazelwood School auditorium.

Principal speaker will be G. L. Carter, district 4-H Club agent. Outstanding club members will be awarded medals and leading clubs will be presented certificates. A short talent program also will be held.

Following the program in the auditorium, refreshments will be served and a recreational hour conducted, featuring the music of the Cataochee String Band.

Parents of 4-H Club members and other interested persons are invited to the event.

In the past several years Achievement Day was held in conjunction with the Tobacco Festival, but 4-H club members voted this year to hold the program separately.

## Nominated For Places C. of C. Directorate

Ballots with the names of 25 nominees to fill ten posts on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be mailed this weekend to members for the annual election, which will end at noon, December 31.

The board on Tuesday night heard various reports, and viewed a movie on taxation, as prepared by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The financial statement for the year, covering 11 months was also studied, and showed approximately \$12,500 collected during the year with a number of pledges still outstanding, according to Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Tucker reported that two booklets were almost completed, and would be published soon after the first of the year. One is a general booklet and the other is devoted to the industrial story.

The election will be two direct. (See C of C—Page 2)

## Community Tree Is Set For 23rd

The annual Community Christmas Tree, sponsored by the Waynesville Woman's Club has been set for Friday, December 23, at 3 p.m., according to Mrs. Roy Campbell, club president.

A program will be held in the courtroom and gifts will be distributed to needy children.

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick is in charge of the event and is being assisted by the following committee: Mrs. E. J. Stanmyre, Mrs. W. S. Roberts, Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. Ray Parshall, Mrs. J. R. Higgs, Mrs. Charles Ray, Miss Pearl Harris, and Miss Anne Albright.

The community tree is one of the twenty-five agencies receiving aid from the United Fund.

## Yule Heads Distribution For Disaster Fund

Y. Perry, rector of Episcopal Church has been named chairman of the distribution committee of the Yule Fund.

Announcement of the committee was made by Paul Davis, chairman of the disaster fund campaign.

Members of the committee will meet with Rev. Mr. Perry on Friday, generally fair weather.

Waynesville temperature by the State Test

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## Bloodmobile Received 72 Pints Here

(See Other Pictures Pg. 1, Sec. 2)

Seventy-two pints of blood were donated by Waynesville area residents when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile made its visit to the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church Tuesday. Ten donors were rejected.

George Smith of Hazelwood gave his 24th pint to reach the 3-gallon mark and a number of donors reached the gallon mark. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stovall and their daughter, Miss Sally Stovall are among the new members of the Gallon Club.

Sponsoring the Bloodmobile's visit were the employees of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Co. The Gray Ladies assisted.

Virgil L. Holloway and Clyde Fisher are cochairman of the Blood Bank program in this area.

## Thieves Steal Power Saws At Service Station

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of two power saws and parts, valued at \$487.30 from Ed Potts' Esso Service Station at Lake Junaluska.

Deputy Gene Howell reported that thieves gained entrance to the station by breaking the glass from a rear door and opening the door.

The saws were described as of Strunk manufacture, colored red, and weighing 25 pounds each. The parts taken were two 20-inch cutter bars and three 20-inch chains.

The stolen equipment was received at the service station only three or four days before its theft. The investigation is continuing.

## Kiwanis Plan Party For Needy Children

The Waynesville Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Christmas party for children at the armory at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

At the party Santa Claus will distribute fruit, nuts, and candy and free ice cream provided by Biltmore Dairy to the children.

John Shelby of the Kiwanis Club is in charge of the event.



SIDNEY TRUESDALE, Canton attorney, has been elected president of the Haywood County Bar Association, succeeding Glenn W. Brown of Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo)

## Children's Clothes Are Needed Again

Children's clothing is again practically gone from the Clothing Closet in spite of generous contributions during recent weeks.

A report from Mrs. E. J. Stanmyre, distribution chairman, shows that clothing has been distributed to fifty families during this month and requests continue to be received.

Mrs. Stanmyre asked that those with clothing to donate continue to leave articles at the Waynesville Fire Department or call Marcus Electric Co. for pick-ups. Clean articles in good condition are preferred.

The Closet will be closed for general distribution until after the first of January, due to increased activities during the Holidays and lack of sufficient volunteers in the office.

Anyone who can give three hours (See Children's Clothes—Page 2)

## Clyde Firemen Answer Alarm North Of Canton

The Clyde Fire Department answered the second call within the past several months at the residence of Hank Smathers on Crossroads Hill, a half mile north of the Canton city limits, at 7:45 a.m. today.

Origin of the fire, which began in the attic, was unknown.

Damage to the dwelling was estimated at \$50.

Twelve Clyde firemen made the run.

## Davis Elected To Soil District Supervisor Post

Joe F. Davis of White Oak has been elected as Haywood County Soil Conservation District supervisor to succeed Herschell Rogers of Upper Crabtree, whose term expires at the end of this year.

Mr. Davis won election over Mrs. Carl Medford of Lake Junaluska in balloting last week in which a total of 89 votes were cast.

The vote was certified by D. J. Boyd, one of the present soil conservation supervisors; James Kirk-

## Junaluska Scene Of Duck-Hawk Battles

Huge hawks are playing havoc with visiting ducks at Lake Junaluska this fall.

Among the many large ducks there are a number of young, and smaller ones, and the hawks have been seen swooping down and grabbing up a duck dinner from the surface of the 250-acre lake. The ducks swimming about on the lake are a perfect target for the hawks who resemble small jet planes as to speed.

J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent, said that corn is being fed daily to the visiting ducks, and that many are former residents of last fall.

## 40 Needy Area Families Seeking Christmas Baskets

Fifty-two needy families in the Waynesville area have applied to the Haywood County Welfare Department for Christmas baskets this year and arrangements have already been made to take care of 12, Mrs. Sam Queen, welfare superintendent announced Tuesday.

Most of the assistance already provided for will come from church groups, Mrs. Queen added.

The Welfare Department has information on the other 40 families which will be furnished to all church and civic groups which wish to assist the underprivileged at Christmastime, Mrs. Queen pointed out.

Most of these families have children and thus toys and candy will be welcomed as well as regular food baskets, the welfare superintendent said.

The baskets and other Yuletide cheer packages should be taken to the families either the Friday or Saturday before Christmas, Mrs. Queen added.

## West Pigeon CDP Yule Party Tonight

East Pigeon and Center Pigeon will be guests of the West Pigeon CDP at a Christmas party at the Bethel School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, will be in charge of the program, and D. D. York, chairman of the West Pigeon CDP, will preside.

Christmas treats will be given out at the meeting.

The public is invited.

## Students Of Haywood Schools Get Two Weeks

Haywood schools will close Friday for a two-week holiday vacation, Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, said today.

Classes will be resumed Monday, January 2nd.

## Canadian Christmas Tree Bears Boy's Yuletide Plea

A message borne on a Christmas tree all the way from distant wind-swept New Brunswick, Canada, to Hazelwood will bring Christmas cheer to the heart of a fatherless 12-year-old boy.

This unique story unfolded here this week when a Hazelwood barber — Herschell Caldwell — started to deliver a Christmas tree to a classroom at Hazelwood School where his eight-year-old son is a pupil.

As he carried the tree, Mr. Caldwell suddenly noticed a small piece of paper, tied with string, flapping in the wind. He broke the string, unwound the paper, and read this message in a boyish scrawl: "Dear Friend,

"I am a poor little boy 12 years old. My father is dead. Please will you send me money for Christmas."

Sybro Simone  
Tracadie, N. B., Canada  
Box 9

Tracadie is a small port and mill town in New Brunswick on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Christmas tree sent from there is a Canadian balsam.

As a result of this unusual plea, Mr. Caldwell and several friends plan to send money to Sybro — as a gift from the "Old North State" to a Far North State.

**Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)**

**Killed . . . 3**  
(1954 — 3)

**Injured . . . 85**  
(1954 — 66)

**Accidents 172**  
**Loss . . \$78,920**  
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)